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For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT DEVICE AND FABRICATION  
METHOD THEREOF

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.